## The Judependent.

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#### An Imperative Duty.

The first great duty of the Adminis tration, after giving every aid possible to our armies in the field, is to make relentless war upon the army of thieves and plunderers who are robbing the government, and placing crime at a premium. To-day, in Kansas, it is held to be good policy to support the thieving power, because it holds the Federal patronage and dispenses offices. This is a frightful condition of things, but it is himentably true.

Men say, for instance, that Lane is basely corrupt, but it pays to support To this condition have we come at last. Ask Wilder, Speer, Baker, all who know Lane, and there is not a man of them but will own that he is a dishonest demagogue, but they stand by him for the pay. No man of any intelligence will insult himself and lie to his own conscience by slaiming that Lane is honest; for all who know him know he is not honest. And there are too many like him all over the country. Hence the fearful record of corruption tend this declaration to all the memthat is made up, and the terrible con- bers of that body. dition of affairs in the nation.

these political leeches-a war of extermination. We tell him plainly that the plunderers must be exterminated, or they will exterminate him, and the government too treate av lynus tell

We know that times of war have always developed such characters as now infest the nation, thieves, robbers, government plunderers, and the like; but they can be reached, exposed and hurled from places of trust to the sink of infamy where they belong. No THIEVES !" and that voice must and will be heard.

### The Chicago Platform.

We intended to give the copperhead platform in full in this number, but the induced us to condense the matter. The first resolution favors the Union

under the constitution.

The second declares the war a failure. mands an immediate cessation of hosti- and in Mississippi Sound was our light livies as the first step to negotiate a draft gunboats.

of soldiers with elections has been under the command of our brave Adpracticed, and that a repetition of the miral-who is regarded by his subordioffense will be resisted with all the nates as the best Naval Officer livingpower and means at the control of the an attempt was made to pass the rebel -copperheads. The fourth claims that forts, enter Mobile Bay, and destroy the object of the Democratic party is the Confederate fleet, with the daterto preserve the Federal Union and the mination and expectation to succeed. rights of States unimpaired, goes for even though the attempt should cost freedom of speech, against military arrests, test oaths, the denial of the right vessels. As the sequel has shown, the of the people to hold arms, etc.

tion for not releasing the prisoners of ed, with a much smaller loss then was war in the South, who are in a "suffer- expected, ing condition."

The sixth extends the sympathy of the Democracy to the soldiers, and de- to the "main-top" of that noble man- ed was 3,000, and 2,000 prisoners. clares they will receive the care, pro- of-war, the "Hartford," from which among the latter one Brigadler general. dection, regard and kindness of the Republic. Undoubtedly this platform federates greatly. It is just to their knowing no fear, nor heeding thicken. their ammunition and a large number of

the same time giving "aid and conffort" the enemy thick and fast as falling hail, the rebels, and 27 miles, wouth of Atto the rebels who are causing them to "affer in prisons," is the sublimity of channel the monitor "Tecumseh" ran impulence. Why does not Jeff. Davis upon a torpedo, which exploded beneath agree to an exchange? Why deher, and she immediately sunk, and all
seman seems to have completely outthe above named delyndant, in the above many in two, of which seems like a property on board but three of the officers and generated Hood, cut his army in two, said plaints may be divorced from you. of the rebels? Nothing could show fifteen men of her crew went down with the hypocracy of the leaders of the her. This led to some confusion and Chicago movement more effectually brisk firing but our vessels, with some than this. They denounse the Federal demage passed through the channel.

for man, but Jeff. Davis would not do and capture our heroic Admiral. Ob- and his raiding forces buck. The raid was and honories in a variety of finding forces buck. The raid was and honories with Davis serving this monories of the has proved a fallure, and Sherman's to allow the serving this monories of the has proved a fallure, and Sherman's to allow the serving this monories of the has proved a fallure, and Sherman's to allow the serving this monories of the has proved a fallure, and Sherman's to allow the serving this monories of the has proved a fallure, and Sherman's to allow the serving this monories of the has proved a fallure, and Sherman's to allow the serving this monories of the has proved a fallure, and Sherman's the serving this monories of the has proved a fallure, and Sherman's the serving this monories of the serving this monori and haters of the true government, de- enemy, Admiral Farragut exclaimed; communications will be preserved.

nonnce the latter and remain silent as to the former. Men of the Union, mark this and set the seal of your cor demontion open all such aid to treason.

Bogus Convention.

The shoulder strap convention made the following nominations : For Governor-Sam. J. Crawford Lieut. do - McGrew. Congress-Sid. Clarke. Sec'y of State-Barker. Treasury do of-Wm. Spriggs. Supreme Judge-J Safford. Att'y General-Brumbaugh. Supt. Pub. Inst-I. T. Goodnow. Electors-N. McCracken, Robert Mc Bratney, and E. Cheseborough, Vi In all reason is this ticket a farce? Sid Clarke for A. C. Wilder! Safford thing such a humbug! Authony and Geo. A. Crawford overboard 1 . "Go it

#### The "Ratting."

ye oripples. "

The Jeffersonian Association deny that the "ratting" proposition was made by them-that it was another party.-Very well. We are pleased to exhanorate the Association as such and trust they will always be free from any im- ed upon Fort Puwell, which was abanputation of the kind.

But we are told that one member of the Association wrote to a gentleman in this place, making to him the same proposition, and to bid in the same way. How to this? Can that letter be explained away? We wish to do honorably by all. We exhonorate the Association, as such; but we enugot yet ex-

The above was in type for last week Mr. Lincoln must make war upon but by an oversight was left out.

### The Fight !- Mobile Ray.

From a private letter of Parmater J. W. Dav. dated on board the U. S. Ship 'Stockdale,' Mobile Bay, August 16, 1864; we take the following clear and graphic discription of the recent fight near Mobile :

By an examination of the map, you will observe that, to the right of the entranes to the Bay, on Mobile Pointwhich is the terminus of a long, parrow government can stand with a hundred strip running out from the main landthousand robbers continually plying covering the only channel through their vocation upon the treasury. And which large vessels can pass, is Fort all that these villains steal, the people Morgan, one of the most formidable at large have to pay back. Let the cry fortifications held by the rebels. To of the people go up as the 'voice of the left of this fort about four or five bels. many voters' and the sound of mighty miles, on the West side of Pelican Pass. and on the Eastern end of Dauphin Island, is Fort Gaines, which is a little inferior to Morgan in position and strength. Two or three miles Northwest of Gaines, between Grant's Pass and the main land, situated on a small sand island was Fort Powell, still inferior to Fort Gaines. crowded condition of our columns has though a fortification of considerable pretentions. West of this fort, and between Dauphin Island and the main land west of the Bay, is Mississippi Sound. The rebel fleet lay in the Bay. and pronounces severely against it, and inside of these forts; outside of the main channel and Pelican Pass was our fleet of large ships of war, and Mouitors:

Preparations having been previously The third charges that interference made, on the morning of the 5th just the sacrifice of many lives and many success was more complete than the The fifth condemns the administra- most sanguine of our officere anticipat-

> Before starting, the undaunted Commander of the Federal fleet was lashed ing danger-during the entire engagement, unharmed by the deadly missiles that were hurled at our proud ships by When about half way through the

Administration for not saving our men Then began one of the grandest Nafrom the cruelties of the rebels, but val battles ever fought, resulting in a and at Atlanta, returns thanks to the never a word do they utter against the most signal victory to the United States rebels for the barbarious treatment they Navy. As the Federal vessels entered have achieved such success; and reinflict upon prisoners ! This is the the Bay, the rebel fleet, headed by the commends that on next Sabbath public copperhead sympathy for our brave noted ram "Tennessee," came boldly thanks be returned in all the Churches men in the field; and the soldiers will forth to meet them in deadly conflict. understand how to treat such deplicity. The "Tennessee," under full steam, great Rufer of events by whom alone The administration has labored to steered directly for the flag-ship "Hart. victories are attained. secure the liberation of prisoners, man ford," hoping to sink or destroy her, Bousseau is driving the rebel wheeler makes with const Ales. one good

"You want to fight me, do you? Our forces under lifroy and on I'll ight you! I'll fight you will my with the rebell and Roberton wood ship!" and suiting the action to the word, he west rapidly "along aide" of the famous Ram, and poured upon The rebels have abandoned the her a terrible broadside from his favorit ship. Then came the Monitors to try their strength with the pride of the ebel Nave. The fight was brief but terrible, when the rebel flag was hauled down partie white one holded in submis sion. Our gallant Volunteer Lieutenant Pierre Giraud (pronounced Jeroe) was the first Union Officer to there her, and in the name of Admiral Farragut, and as the representative of the United States, demanded her surrend-er, and received the sword of Admiral Buchannan, who had been severely wounded in the action. The rebel gunfor Judg! Whew! And the whole boat "Selma" fought desperately, continuing the fight, as I learned from some of her officers, twelve minutes after the Captain gave the order to haul down the rebel easign and surrendered without further resistence. The 'Morgan' ran under cover of the fortal bank The Gains fled up the Bay towards

> Mobile, and escaped. On the same day the lighter vessels of the ficet, led by the Stockdale, openor dupon for Powell, which was abandoned that night and blown up by the first of the second of the s

ivn. Richmond and Oneids lost most "I guess I'll take the whoviers.

Besides the prisoners taken at Fort Gains, about two hundred and fifty ere taken on the Tennessee and Selma. I conversed with many of the prisoners both officers and men and they all spoke in the highest terms of the kind treatment they receive at our ands. They said they did not expect to be treated half as well, and could not complain if they had not been, One of the Officers of the Selma-an Engineer-told me he was captured by Gen. Lane, at Osceols, Mo.,

lads and Fort Morgan, the ram Pencessee was Struck nine or ten times without receiving any serious damage. a three fights the Tennessee, the Manhattan, the Chickesaw and the Winnebago have made many splendid shots, the shells exploding on the parapets and in the fort. The Winnebego-to which our friend James Monroe is at ached-last night shot down the re bel flag-staff, and prostrated their traitorous ensign in the dust.

Admirat Farragut and Gen. Granger went up the Bay yesterday within sight of Mobile to reconnoitre. They baw a number of formidable gamboats in the harbor, and a floating battery, all seeming to have torpedoes attached to them; and the indications were that we will save a hard fight to take the city."

Many of the prisoners we have taken expressed a desire to take the oath of allegiance, and a good number of them H. R. Perter, Charlotte Por-would enter the Federal service. Large to Dewey, December of umbers of them are conscripts, who have no heaft in or sympathy for the cause of the triators. A very large, proportion of the prisoners taken at Fort Gains were beardless boys. of topogilar texal. WaDara

The Nows. Sherman has gained another victory and is in possession of Atlanta. The loss of the enemy in killed and woundelevated position he could see and direct. We took a large amount of are a stores the movements of his whole line of etc. The robels burned 81 days and battle-ships; and there he remained one locomotive in Adanta destroyed small arms and some of the large guns, to prevent the same from falling into our hands. Sherman was in pursuit of lants , when he sent his last dispatch. Our loss is said to be triffing. s glorious and substantial victory: and whipped one half while the other

The President has directed that 100 zuns be fired at all the important points in honor of our victories in Mebile Bay brave officers, soldiers and sailors who

s and Charleston railroad. In North Carolina there is a regular war carried on between the people and the reper conscripting outcers, and it is reported that the latter are likely to be

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